GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3569
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SHORTAGE OF TRAINED PILOTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pilots in the country those have so far trained under CAT II/III operations during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to get trained more pilots to meet the shortfall of trained pilots;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a):- 1116 Indian Pilots in the country have so far trained under CAT-II/III operations during the last three years.

(b) and (c) : - Yes Sir,The Airlines Operators are encouraged to train their pilots for operations in low visibility conditions.Flight schedules to/from fog bound airports are approved on the basis of number of pilots trained by the operators for low visibility operations.Only such pilots who are CAT II/III qualified,are approved as Instructor/Examiner so as to ensure that more trained pilots are available for Cat-II/III operations during low visibility conditions.

(d):- Does not arise.